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CONFERENCE SHOWCASES TOP UM UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

MISSOULA—

The University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 4, on the third floor of the University Center.

The annual event, which is free and open to the public, has been held at UM for the past seven years and is designed to recognize and celebrate undergraduate research in all disciplines.

The conference offers students opportunities for poster and oral research presentations, musical performances and readings from original creative works.

UM geosciences Professor Jim Sears will give the conference plenary address, "Siberia in Death Valley," at 12:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

This year more than 130 projects will be presented, including more than 60 research posters that will be on display from 3 to 4 p.m.

The conference concludes with a performance of the one-act comedy "Der Reigen" ("Around and Around") by Austrian playwright Arthur Schnitzler at 5 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall, located in the UM Music Building. The performance also is free and open to the public.

The play was translated and directed by Davidson Honors College student Sarah

Windsor.

“This conference has become one of the biggest and most intellectually diverse undergraduate research conferences in the United States,” said Davidson Honors College Dean Jim McKusick, who chairs the conference. “The quality of the student presentations has improved each year.”

For more information, call the Honors College at 406-243-2541.

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